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**PATENT**

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| In re application: | Tim Dyer, et al.  | Docket No.:     | 35013.4000            |
| Serial No.:        | 09/836,426  | Group Art Unit: | 3723                  |
| Filed:             | April 17, 2001  | Examiner:       | McDonald, Shantese L. |
| Title:             | CHEMICAL MECHANICAL Confirmation No.: 6845<br>POLISHING METHOD AND<br>APPARATUS FOR<br>REMOVING MATERIAL<br>FROM A SURFACE OF A<br>WORKPIECE THAT<br>INCLUDES LOW-K<br>MATERIAL |                 |                       |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, within the three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Claims 1-33 remain pending in the application.